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DEPARTMENT FOR AF/E JLIDDLE, AF/EPS
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SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR OPIC FINANCE: ROOT CAPITAL, INC.

REF: STATE 39945

[¶1](#). Reftel requested embassy comments and recommendations regarding the possibility of OPIC providing a Direct Loan to Root Capital ("Project Company").

[¶2](#). Embassy Dar es Salaam has no information to report about events in the country or about the Project Company that will affect the long-term prospects for the project. Neither does Embassy Dar es Salaam have information on the Project Company and its investors relating to potential ties to terrorism, money laundering, corruption, or violations of law.

[¶3](#). Further, some USAID-supported agricultural producer associations have benefited from Project Company financing. The proposed activity is therefore likely to increase farmer and SME access to financing and, hence, complement current USG development assistance.

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